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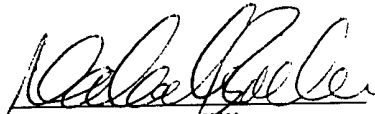
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the official action mailed October 5, 2001, in which pending claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). This paper is timely filed by virtue of the attached petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 were pending in the instant application at the time of the official action, with claims 2-8 and 10-18 withdrawn as being directed to unelected subject matter.